

MOTION NO. M2012-36

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting the permanent facility and station names for the North Link and University Link Projects.

DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

The Board adopted the Facility and Link System Naming Policy in February 2012. The policy established a process, timeframe, and criteria for naming facilities. The process includes three phases, internally identifying and evaluating potential names based on the criteria, receiving public input, and Board input and action at Gate 5 of the Phase Gate process. The policy requires public and stakeholder input be received during the 30% facility design review process. This requirement was met for North Link and each public meeting on station design included discussion of potential names and collection of public feedback. University Link passed through Phase Gate 5 before the policy was adopted, but as preparation for this action staff has collected feedback from the project's local communities and stakeholders. Additionally, public involvement has been ongoing throughout the various phases of both projects and the proposed station names are consistent with input received over the years.

Communications about potential permanent station names were folded into regular project communications. In those communications, the Board was identified as the final authority in determining a permanent name. Stakeholders, jurisdictional partners, and transit agencies were notified of the naming process and how to provide input. An e-update including a survey was emailed to approximately 6,500 members of various project email lists. Many local neighborhood blogs and newsletters published articles about the potential permanent station and facility names and how to provide input.

Sound Transit and local communities have been working together on station design over the past few years, using temporary working names. The temporary working names are recommended for the permanent names, with one exception. The station temporarily named the Brooklyn Station, located in the University District at the corner of NE 45th Street and Brooklyn Avenue N is proposed to be named the U District Station.

Temporary Working Station Name	Proposed Permanent Station Name
Capitol Hill Station	Capitol Hill Station
University of Washington Station	University of Washington Station
Brooklyn Station	U District Station
Roosevelt Station	Roosevelt Station
North Portal	Maple Leaf Portal
Northgate Station	Northgate Station

"U District Station" represents the local neighborhood and meets the policy criteria to avoid using similar names at multiple stations. Sound Transit received comments recommending that the existing University Street Station in the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel be renamed to better represent its location. Changing the University Street Station name requires discussion and coordination with King County Metro.

Public and stakeholder feedback was used to confirm the list of the proposed permanent station names. While the majority of feedback received supports the proposed names, we heard some support for different names for the University of Washington and the U District stations.

MOTION:


It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the permanent facility and station names for the North Link and University Link Projects are adopted as follows:

- Capitol Hill Station
- University of Washington Station
- U District Station
- Roosevelt Station
- Maple Leaf Portal
- Northgate Station

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on June 28, 2012.


Julia Patterson
Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator